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John Thomas Ough first came to Camas, Washougal Two Rivers Museum in 2004. Seeing a Camas Post Record Centennial Paper, he realized he had history here.

John Thomas is a Sea Captain and lives in Alameda, California at the present time. He may be moving to Washington State in the year 2006 - around the Puget Sound area. John has already obtained a Washington driver's license and car license.

On August 15, 2005, John Thomas brought a box of pictures and photo books to the museum. Most did not have names or dates, however, Virginia Warren knew the grandparents and Johns Uncle so she put names wherever she could.

Johns mother, Helen, was a Champion Swimmer and Badmiton player (Oakland - San Francisco). Also, her husband Tom, was a good badmiton player and later was President of the San Francisco Group.

John Thomas (who was called Tommie when he was little) was named after his grandfather John Thomas Ough from Camas. John (grandfather) and wife, Carolyn Ough, lived in Camas, Wa. - across from "Parkers" Red & White grocery store. John worked in the Camas Willamette - Crown Zellerbach Mill as a maintance person. Carolyn worked in the Bag Factory. John worked in the mill for 45 years, the longest of any employee at that time - 1946.

"Forrest Home"

John and Carolyn had two sons - Thomas E. Ough and James R. Ough.

Thomas E. Ough had two sons - John Thomas Ough and Thomas M. Ough.

Thomas M. Ough had one child, Christine.

I, Virginia Lethlean Warren, was a friend of John and Carolyn Ough - Camas. They had a granddaughter, Betty Jane Forrest, who came to live with them when we were in Sixth grade in Camas. She died of pnemonia when we were in Seventh grade.

I was told by her grandmother, Carolyn, that Betty's mother had died in California and so Betty Jane came to live with them. Betty resembled her Uncle Jim (James R). and definetly Indian.)

I asked John Thomas about Betty Jane and he had never heard of her or any Aunt. or etc.

John Thomas Ough - Camas - was definetly a decendent of "Princess White Wing". Mrs. Carolyn Ough was not Indian that I know of.

How fortunate we are as a museum to have all these old pictures and the history of the Oughs Thanks to John Thomas Ough (California) who took the time to come visit us and bring us all this history.